IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION * BEFORE THE

AND VARIANCE - E/S York Road at

Loveton Circle * ZONING COMMISSIONER

(Belfast Site)

8th Election District * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

3rd Councilmanic District

* Case No. 96-37-XA

Baltimore County, Maryland, Owners;

American PCS, L.P., Contract Lessee - Petitioners

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as Petitions for

Special Exception and Variance for that property located on the east side of York Road, just north of its intersection with Loveton Circle in the vicinity of Loveton Farms. The Petitions were filed by the owners of the property, Baltimore County, Maryland, a body politic, and the Contract Lessee, American PCS, L.P., hereinafter referred to as APC, by Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esquire, through their attorney G. Scott Barhight, Esquire. Petitioners seek a special exception to permit a wireless transmitting and receiving facility to be located on an existing water tower on the subject property, pursuant to Section 1A04.2.B.21 of the Baltimore County Zoning In addition to the special exception relief Regulations (B.C.Z.R.). sought, the Petitioners seek variance relief from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit side yard setbacks of as little as 27 feet and a rear yard setback of 43 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for each. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 3.

This matter came in for a public hearing before this Zoning Commissioner as a combined case with six other Petitions filed by APC. Each of the seven cases included requests for zoning relief pursuant to the applicable provisions of the B.C.Z.R. At the hearings, testimony was



received from Gregory Sarro, a Zoning Administrator for APC. Also present in support of the Petitions were Melanie Moser, a Consultant with Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc., and Andrew Werchniak, an electrical engineer with Moffit, Larson & Johnson, a site acquisition consulting firm. The Petitioner was represented by Christine K. McSherry, Esquire.

In the site specific request by APC for the subject location, testimony was generally received in opposition to the request from J. A. Mann, who resides in Randallstown. Also appearing and testifying as Protestants in the matter were Kenneth Bosley, K. Webster Bosley, and Kerry Bosley, who reside in the Sparks area of northern Baltimore County, and Paul A. Hupfer, a representative of the Sparks-GlencoeCommunity Council.

The Petitions filed are part of a series of Petitions recently considered by this Zoning Commissioner on behalf of APC. As recounted in prior decisions of this office, APC is a communications company which is a new entrant in the field of wireless communications in the Baltimore-Wash-APC specializes in wireless communications, ington demographic area. including telephone, facsimile, and computer transmissions. The company employs a state-of-the-art technology to serve its clientele. One of the features of the company's communications network is the ability of mobile users to utilize the company's services. In order to provide such service, the company is establishing a grid of inter-connecting wireless facilities. Each grid serves a specific geographic area. As a user passes from one geographic area to another adjoining area, his transmission is handed off from one facility to the next. In order to establish this capability, the company must install its wireless transmitting and receiving antennae in select areas to insure a continuous and unbroken line of communication. At the subject site, which has been referred to as the

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Belfast Site, the Petitioners propose to install its antennae on an existing water tower owned by Baltimore County. This tower is 143.5 feet in height and is located in the vicinity of Loveton Farms across from the Loveton Business Center, on land zoned R.C. 5. The tower is utilized by Baltimore County for its public needs. The Petitioners propose to install six panel antennae on the tower at a height above ground level of approximately 129 feet, roughly 3/4 the height of the tower. The antennae will be situated on the tower so as to provide service in a 360 degree range to the surrounding grid. These antennae are 53.3 inches tall, 6.3 inches wide, and 2.7 inches deep. Two small equipment cabinets will be installed at the base of the tower to provide electrical service and equipment to the antennae. The facility will be unmanned but for routine maintenance inspections.

Testimony received from Mr. Gregory Sarro of APC fully described the general and site specific details of APC's operation. He noted that the company has been in business for approximately six years and is duly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Mr. Sarro described the interlocking grid system as set forth above. He noted that each grid will cover an area approximately five miles in radius, and that a facility is needed in the Catonsville area in the vicinity of the subject site. He also noted that the antennae fully comply with all FCC safety standards and guidelines. Specifically, there will be no interference with microwave, radio, television, or other transmissions and there is no danger to public health, welfare, or safety.

Testimony was also received from Melanie Moser, a landscape architect with Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc. She corroborated the testimony offered



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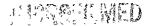
by Mr. Sarro regarding the benign effects of the proposed facility on the surrounding locale.

A packet of information was submitted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1, which fully depicts the antennae and contains photographs of the existing tower on this site. An environmental effects statement was also received (Petitioner's Exhibit 4) which concludes that there will be no detrimental effect upon the surrounding locale.

As noted above, Mr. Paul Hupfer, a representative of the Sparks-Glencoe Community Association, appeared and testified in opposition to the request. He noted that other towers exist in close proximity to the subject site at the Loveton Industrial Park and suggested that the Petitioners utilize those existing towers. Mr. Hupfer also noted that Section 502.7.C.1 of the B.C.Z.R. imposes upon the Petitioner the burden to establish that it has made a diligent search for a location within a business, office, or industrial zone, or for mounting on an existing structure over 50 feet in height, prior to Petitioning for variance relief under Section 307 of the regulations.

Although appreciative of Mr. Hupfer's comments, it must be noted that the regulation upon which he relies, Section 502.7.C.1 of the B.C.Z.R. is not applicable in this case. Specifically, Section 502.7.D exempts the Petitioners from compliance with that regulation, if wireless transmitting or receiving structures are mounted on any existing structure over 50 feet in height. Thus, the Petitioners are not required to search for alternate sites in business, office, or industrial zones. Moreover, APC's witnesses testified that the subject water tower was preferable to alternate sites.

Also testifying in opposition to the request was Kenneth Bosley, President of Balama Farms, Inc., the adjoining property owner. Mr. Bosley



arqued that affixing antennae on the water tower would restrict building adjacent to this site and result in economic damage to his property. These sentiments were shared by K. Webster Bosley, another interested This Mr. Bosley indicated that he may install wind turproperty owner. bines on his property which is located in the vicinity of the subject site, and that the proposed facility would be detrimental to such a business pursuit. It is to be noted that his venture is prospective in nature, and that currently neither plans for construction of such wind turbines or actual development of the property for such use has commenced.

Lastly, Kerry Bosley expressed certain concerns regarding impact of the proposed antennae on the health, safety and general welfare of the surrounding locale.

Although appreciative of these concerns, the testimony and evidence presented by the Protestants was not convincing to rebut the information submitted on behalf of the Petitioners. It is again to be noted that the Petitioners do not propose constructing a new tower, but merely affixing the antennae on an existing structure. Today's society and technology fills the airwaves with radio, satellite, and wireless transmissions. The general consensus of the scientific community is that these transmissions do not adversely affect the health of the population. I am not persuaded by the Protestants' argument in this regard. Moreover, there is no viable evidence that existing electrical and radio systems will be adversely Lastly, as noted above, Mr. K. Webster Bosley's proposed windmill business is speculative and the relief requested should not be denied based on a potential venture.

Wireless transmitting and receiving facilities are permitted in an R.C.5 zone by special exception. Moreover, the B.C.Z.R. encourage industries in this field to utilize existing towers. The installation of antennae on existing buildings and towers minimizes the construction of unsightly monopoles throughout the skyscape of Baltimore County.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that the proposed wireless transmitting and receiving facility at the Belfast site will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the community. The evidence was overwhelming to support a finding that the inherent effects of the proposed facility are no greater at this location than if the facility was located elsewhere within the zone. It is clear that the Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. and that the Petition for Special Exception should be granted. See Schultz v. Pritts, 291, Md. 1 (1971).

The Petition for Variance should also be granted. In this case, the Petitioner requests relief to allow side yard setbacks of as little as 27 feet, and a rear yard setback of 43 feet, all in lieu of the required 50 feet, which are necessitated by the location of the existing tower. shown on the site plan, the tower maintains a 27-foot setback on the north side which abuts land used for agricultural purposes, while on the south side adjacent to the Loveton Farms community, a 44-foot setback is maintained. However, a greater distance is maintained from this community by virtue of a tract of local open space owned by the Crossfalls Homeowners Association which runs along the south and east sides of the subject property, and an adjacent 110-foot right-of-way on the south side for the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation. Thus, the relief requested should not pose any detriment to the surrounding locale. Again, the B.C.Z.R. expresses a preference for the installation of antennae on exist-Relocation of the tower elsewhere on the site is illogiing structures.

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cal and impractical. Based on the testimony and evidence offered, I am persuaded that the Petitioners have satisfied the requirements of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. and that the relief requested should be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons set forth above, the special exception and variance relief should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore day of November, 1995 that the Petition for Special Exception to permit a wireless transmitting and receiving facility to be located on an existing tower on the subject property, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 3, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit side yard setbacks of 27 feet and 44 feet, and a rear yard setback of 43 feet, all in lieu of the required 50 feet each for the existing tower, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 3, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

> > WRENCE E. SCHMIDT

for Baltimore County

Zoning Commissioner

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

November 2, 1995

(410) 887-4386

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Christine K. McSherry, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Presto 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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Case No. 96-37-XA

Dear Mr. Barhight & Ms. McSherry:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Exception and Variance have been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: Mr. Fred Homan, Director, Baltimore County Budget Office

Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esquire, American PCS, L.P. One Democracy Ctr., 6901 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, Md. 20817

Mr. Paul Hupfer, 831 Walters Lane, Sparks, Md. 21152 Mr. K. Webster Bosley, P.O. Box 585, Sparks, Md. 21152

Mr. Kenneth T. Bosley, Box 334, Cockeysville, Md. 21030

Mr. Kerry Bosley, Box 585, Sparks, Md. 21152

People's Counsel; Case File

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Petition for Special Exception

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at	East side of York Road, Sparks, MD
	which is presently zoned R.C. 5

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property for

A wireless transmitting and receiving facility pursuant to section 1A04.2B 21

Contract lease negotiations are ongoing between Petitioner, American Personal Communications, and the legal Owner, Baltimore County. Baltimore County agrees to the submission of this petition. American Personal Communications understands that it may not obtain a lease for this site, and is proceeding with this petition at its own risk

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.
i, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

	i/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owner(s):
Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esq.	
for American PCS, L.P.	Baltimore County Maryland
(Type or Print Name)	(Type or Print Name)
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City State Zi	pcode Signature
Attorney for Peditioner:	Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue 887-0000 Address Phone No.
G. Scott Barhight, Esq.	
(Type or Print Name)	City State Zipcode Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser, or
G. Scott Bachight/CKMS	representative to be contacted.
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Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at _East side of York Road, Sparks, MD

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which is presently zoned R.C. 5

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section (s) 1A04.3 b 3

To permit a sideward setback of 27 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet and to permit a rear yard setback of 43 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet. Contract lease negotiations are ongoing between Petitioner, American Personal Communications, and the legal Owner, Baltimore County. Baltimore County agrees to the submission of this petition. American Personal Communications understands that it may not obtain a lease for this site, and is proceeding with this petition at its own risk.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

To be presented at hearing

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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Bethesda, MD 20817 City State Zipcode Attorney for Petitioner:	Signature Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue 887-0000
G. Scott Barhight, Esq. (Type or Print Name) G. Scott Barhight, Esq. (Type or Print Name) Standure	Address Phone No. Towson, MD 21204 City State Zipcode Name, Address and phone number of representative to be contacted.
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Description

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to Accompany Petition for Special Exception

and

Petition for Variance

1.16 Acre Parcel

East Side of York Road

Eighth Election District, Baltimore County, Maryland

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Daft M'Cune Walker, Inc.

200 East Pennsylvania Avenue
 Towson, Maryland 21286
 410 296 3333
 Fax 296 4705

A Team of Land Planners, Landscape Architects, Engineers, Surveyors & Environmental Professionals Beginning for the same at the end of the two following courses and distances measured from the point formed by the intersection of the centerline of York Road with the centerline of Loveton Circle, (1) Northwesterly along the centerline of York Road 410 feet, more or less, and thence at a right angle to said road (2) Northeasterly 33 feet to the point of beginning, said point of beginning having a coordinate value of North 81550 feet, more or less, and West 7800 feet, more or less, said values being referred to the coordinate system established in the Baltimore County Metropolitan District, thence leaving said beginning point and running the following courses and distances, viz; (1) North 08 degrees 36 minutes 52 seconds West 196.03 feet, thence (2) North 68 degrees 22 minutes 05 seconds East 253.52 feet, thence (3) South 21 degrees 37 minutes 55 seconds East 134.12 feet, thence (4) South 45 degrees 59 minutes 44 seconds West 211.46 feet, and thence (5) South 81 degrees 23 minutes 08 seconds West 104.83 feet to the point of the beginning; containing 1.16 acres of land, more or less.

THIS DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCE.

June 7, 1995

Project No. 94161.20 (L94161.20)



CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 96-37-X1 Townson, Maryland

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Hearing Wednesday September 6, 1995 at 1:00 a.m. in Biri. 106, County Office Building

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TOWSON, MD., THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of weeks, the first publication appearing on

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Baltimore County Government Department of Permits and Licenses



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

887-3610

August 9, 1995

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore
County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in
Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 96-37-XA (Item 35)

NE/S York Road, 410' N of Loveton Farms Circle 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic Legal Owner: Baltimore County Maryland

Lessee: American PCS, L.P.

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building.

Special Exception for a wireless transmitting and receiving facility.

Variance to allow a side yard setback of 27 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet and a rear yard setback of 43 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet.

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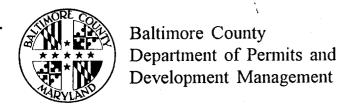
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- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

September 1, 1995

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Item No.: 35

Case No.: 96-37-XA

Petitioner: American Personal

Communications

Dear Mr. Barhight:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on July 26, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

Sincerely,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

WCR/jw
Attachment(s)



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Legal Owner: Baltimore County Maryland Lessee: American PCS, L.P.	*	CASE NO. 96-37-XA
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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ______ day of August, 1995, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to G. Scott Barhight, Esquire, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioners.

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September 13, 1995

DELIVERY BY HAND

The Honorable Lawrence E. Schmidt Office of Planning & Zoning Room 112 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204



Re: Special Exception Case No. 96-37-XA and Case No. 96-34-X

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

On behalf of my client, American Personal Communications, I am writing to request that you deny the request received from Mr. Paul A. Hupfer in his letter dated September 6, 1995 to delay a ruling in the above-referenced cases. In his letter Mr. Hupfer gave no adequate reason to delay a ruling in these matters. Although he states that he is requesting a delay to allow time to discuss the matter with APC, he had that opportunity prior to the zoning hearing.

Furthermore, at the hearing held on September 6, 1995, you stated on the record that you would grant the applications in these cases. As you have already ruled on the Petitions, I see no reason to delay issuing those decisions.

Thank you for your consideration of our request that you deny Mr. Hupfer's request to delay your decision. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Christine K. McSherry

CKM:sll Enclosure

cc: Mr. Paul A. Hupfer

Mr. Greg Sarro

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GREATER SPARKS-GLENCOE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Post Office Box 396 Sparks, Maryland 21152

September 6, 1995

Mr. Lawrence Schmidt Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County Old Courts Building Towson, Maryland 21204

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Mr. Schmidt,

The Greater Sparks Glencoe Community Council is requesting that the ruling on the Special Exception use of RC zoned land for wireless transmitting and receiving facilities at the Loveton Farms water tower (case number 96-37-XA) and the Spooks Hill Tower location be delayed. The GSGCC is requesting this delay to allow for an opportunity to discuss this matter with American PCS, L.P..

Thank You,

Paul A. Hupfer

Chairman, Land Use, Zoning and Development Review Committee

ce: G. Scott Barhight

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Environmental Impact Statement

Belfast American PCS Site

August 1995 Project No. 94161.20

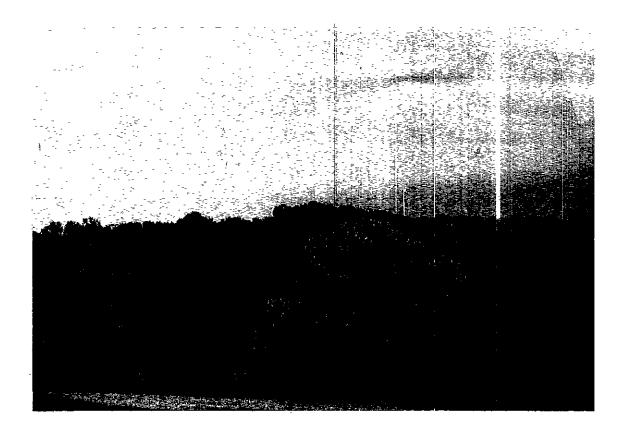
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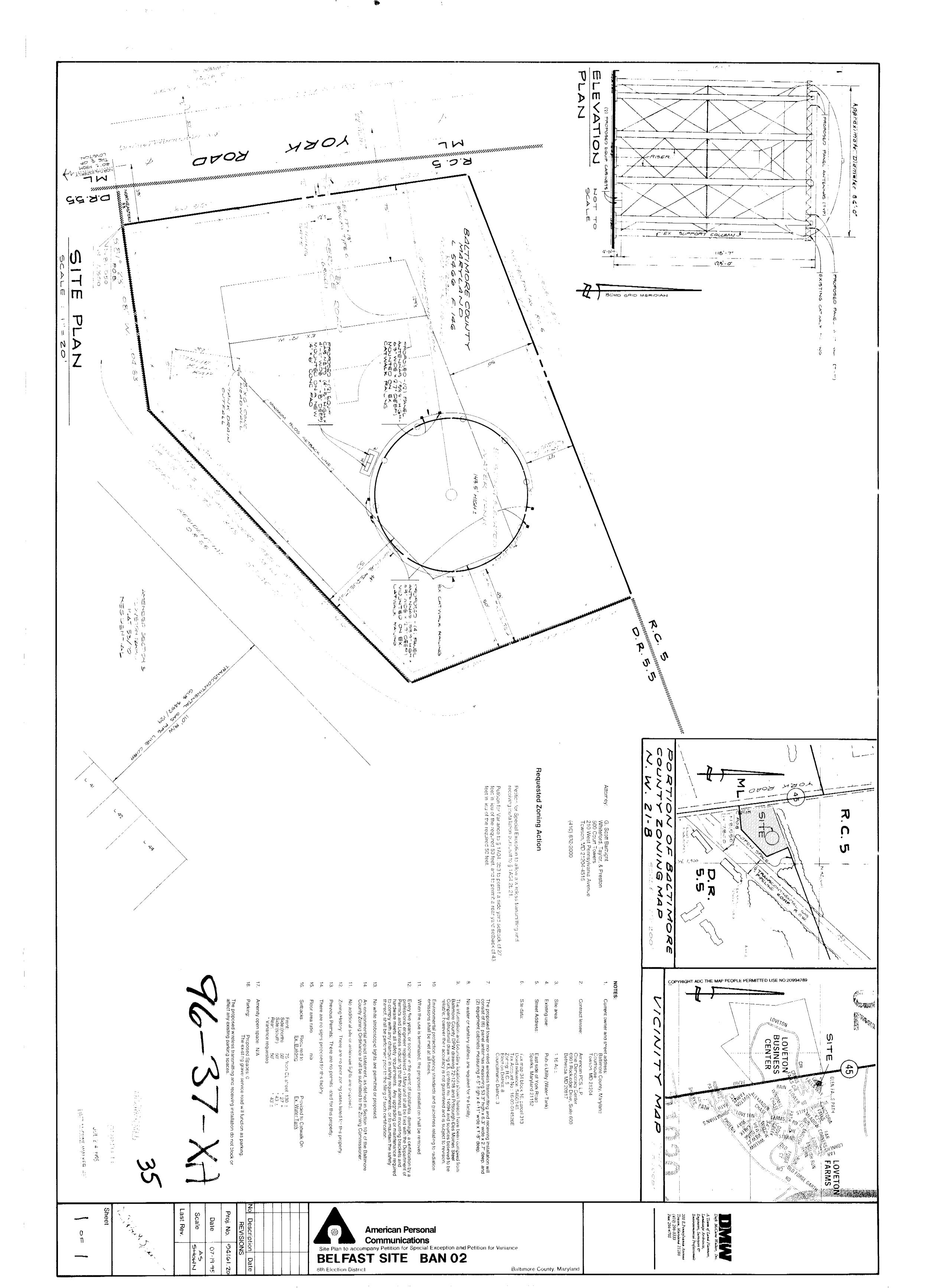


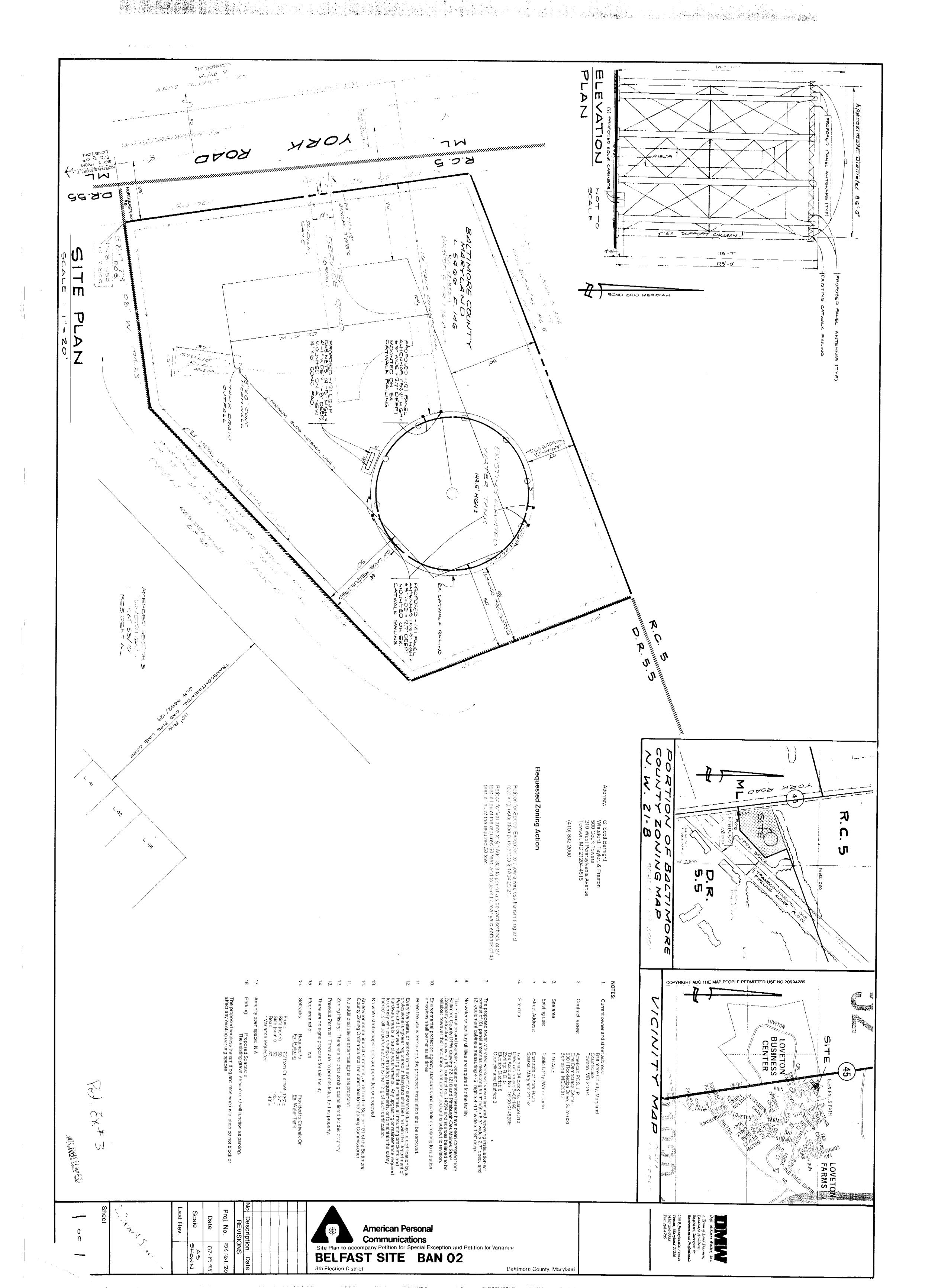
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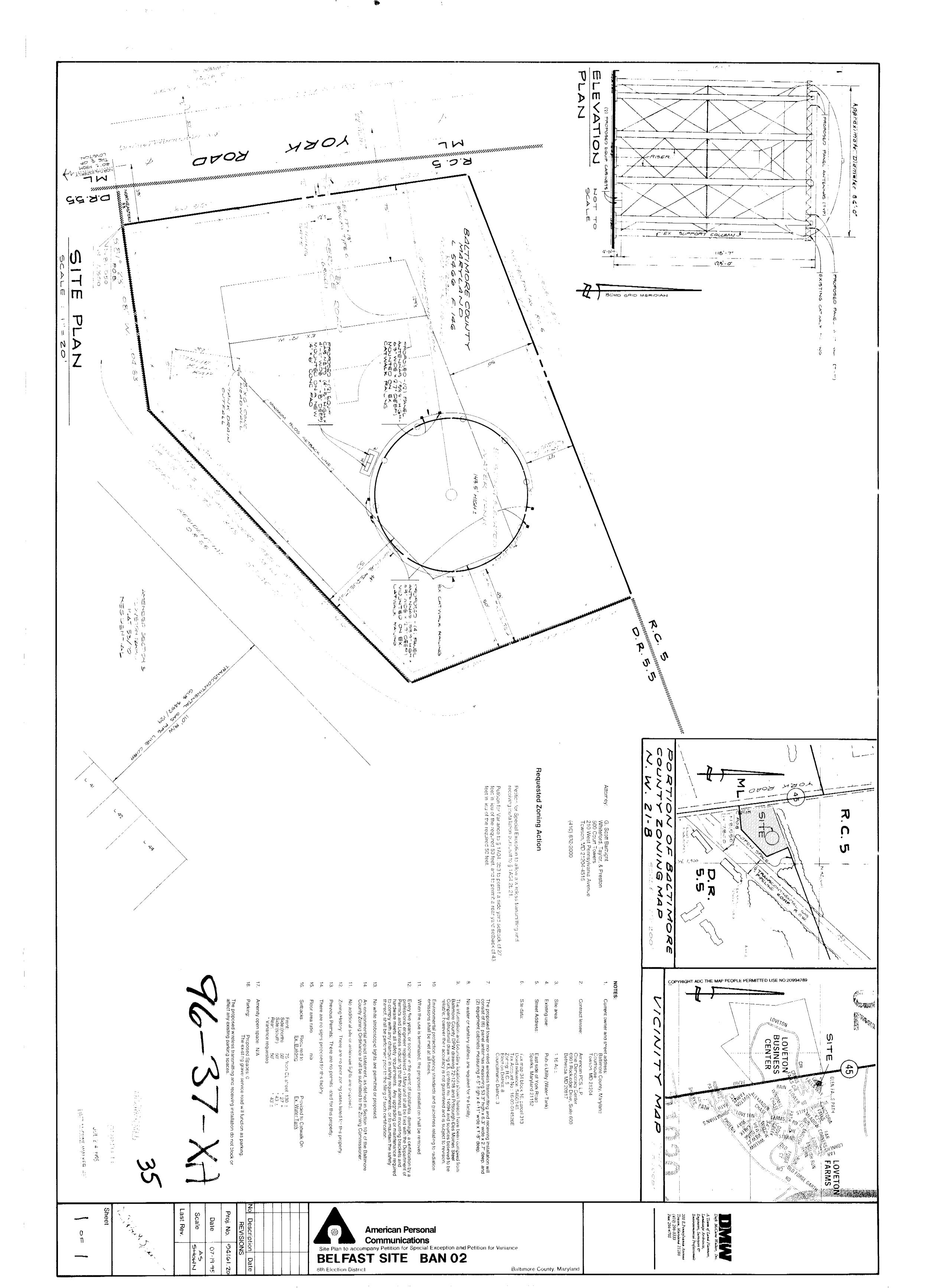


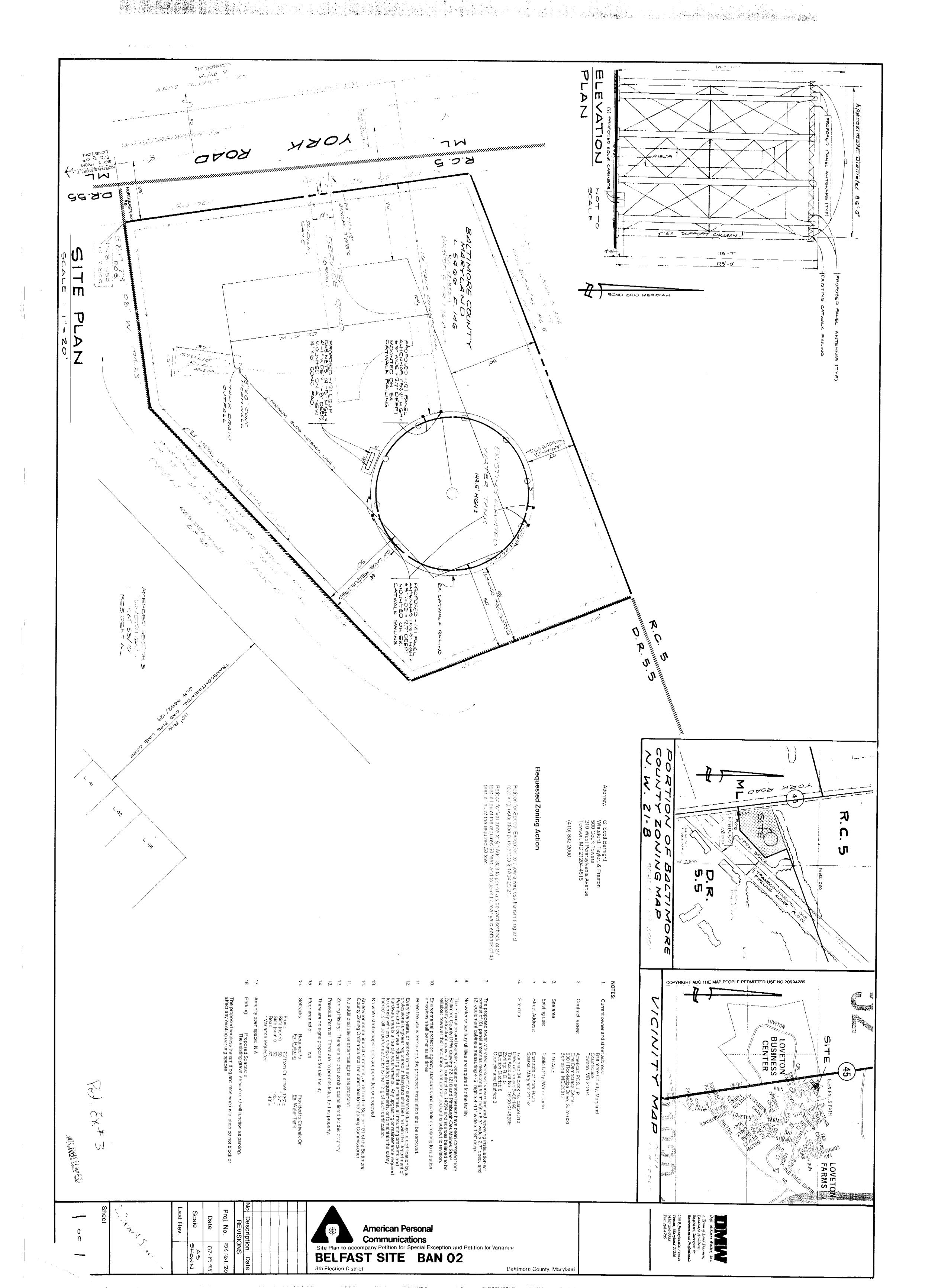
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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as Petitions for Special Exception and Variance for that property located on the east side of York Road, just north of its intersection with Loveton Circle in the vicinity of Loveton Farms. The Petitions were filed by the owners of the property, Baltimore County, Maryland, a body politic, and the Contract Lessee, American PCS, L.P., hereinafter referred to as APC, by Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esquire, through their attorney G. Scott Barhight, Esquire. The Petitioners seek a special exception to permit a wireless transmitting and receiving facility to be located on an existing water tower on the subject property, pursuant to Section 1A04.2.B.21 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.). In addition to the special exception relief sought, the Petitioners seek variance relief from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit side yard setbacks of as little as 27 feet and a rear yard setback of 43 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for each. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 3.

This matter came in for a public hearing before this Zoning Commissioner as a combined case with six other Petitions filed by APC. Each of the seven cases included requests for zoning relief pursuant to the applicable provisions of the B.C.Z.R. At the hearings, testimony was

received from Gregory Sarro, a Zoning Administrator for APC. Also present in support of the Petitions were Melanie Moser, a Consultant with Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc., and Andrew Werchniak, an electrical engineer with Moffit, Larson & Johnson, a site acquisition consulting firm. The Petitioner was represented by Christine K. McSherry, Esquire.

In the site specific request by APC for the subject location, testimony was generally received in opposition to the request from J. A. Mann, who resides in Randallstown. Also appearing and testifying as Protestants in the matter were Kenneth Bosley, K. Webster Bosley, and Kerry Bosley, who reside in the Sparks area of northern Baltimore County, and Paul A. Hupfer, a representative of the Sparks-GlencoeCommunity Council.

The Petitions filed are part of a series of Petitions recently considered by this Zoning Commissioner on behalf of APC. As recounted in prior decisions of this office, APC is a communications company which is a new entrant in the field of wireless communications in the Baltimore-Washington demographic area. APC specializes in wireless communications, including telephone, facsimile, and computer transmissions. The company employs a state-of-the-art technology to serve its clientele. One of the features of the company's communications network is the ability of mobile users to utilize the company's services. In order to provide such service, the company is establishing a grid of inter-connecting wireless facilities. Each grid serves a specific geographic area. As a user passes from one geographic area to another adjoining area, his transmission is handed off from one facility to the next. In order to establish this capability, the company must install its wireless transmitting and receiving antennae in select areas to insure a continuous and unbroken line of communication. At the subject site, which has been referred to as the

Belfast Site, the Petitioners propose to install its antennae on an existing water tower owned by Baltimore County. This tower is 143.5 feet in height and is located in the vicinity of Loveton Farms across from the Loveton Business Center, on land zoned R.C. 5. The tower is utilized by Baltimore County for its public needs. The Petitioners propose to install six panel antennae on the tower at a height above ground level of approximately 129 feet, roughly 3/4 the height of the tower. The antennae will be situated on the tower so as to provide service in a 360 degree range to the surrounding grid. These antennae are 53.3 inches tall, 6.3 inches wide, and 2.7 inches deep. Two small equipment cabinets will be installed at the base of the tower to provide electrical service and equipment to the antennae. The facility will be unmanned but for routine maintenance inspections.

Testimony received from Mr. Gregory Sarro of APC fully described the general and site specific details of APC's operation. He noted that the company has been in business for approximately six years and is duly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Mr. Sarro described the interlocking grid system as set forth above. He noted that each grid will cover an area approximately five miles in radius, and that a facility is needed in the Catonsville area in the vicinity of the subject site. He also noted that the antennae fully comply with all FCC safety standards and guidelines. Specifically, there will be no interference with microwave, radio, television, or other transmissions and there is no danger to public health, welfare, or safety.

Testimony was also received from Melanie Moser, a landscape architect with Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc. She corroborated the testimony offered by Mr. Sarro regarding the benign effects of the proposed facility on the surrounding locale.

A packet of information was submitted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1, which fully depicts the antennae and contains photographs of the existing tower on this site. An environmental effects statement was also received (Petitioner's Exhibit 4) which concludes that there will be no detrimental effect upon the surrounding locale.

As noted above, Mr. Paul Hupfer, a representative of the Sparks-Glencoe Community Association, appeared and testified in opposition to the request. He noted that other towers exist in close proximity to the subject site at the Loveton Industrial Park and suggested that the Petitioners utilize those existing towers. Mr. Hupfer also noted that Section 502.7.C.1 of the B.C.Z.R. imposes upon the Petitioner the burden to establish that it has made a diligent search for a location within a business, office, or industrial zone, or for mounting on an existing structure over 50 feet in height, prior to Petitioning for variance relief under Section 307 of the regulations.

Although appreciative of Mr. Hupfer's comments, it must be noted that the regulation upon which he relies, Section 502.7.C.1 of the B.C.Z.R. is not applicable in this case. Specifically, Section 502.7.D exempts the Petitioners from compliance with that regulation, if wireless transmitting or receiving structures are mounted on any existing structure over 50 feet in height. Thus, the Petitioners are not required to search for alternate sites in business, office, or industrial zones. Moreover, APC's witnesses testified that the subject water tower was preferable to alternate sites.

Also testifying in opposition to the request was Kenneth Bosley. President of Balama Farms, Inc., the adjoining property owner. Mr. Bosley

argued that affixing antennae on the water tower would restrict building adjacent to this site and result in economic damage to his property. These sentiments were shared by K. Webster Bosley, another interested property owner. This Mr. Bosley indicated that he may install wind turbines on his property which is located in the vicinity of the subject site, and that the proposed facility would be detrimental to such a business pursuit. It is to be noted that his venture is prospective in na-

Lastly, Kerry Bosley expressed certain concerns regarding impact of the proposed antennae on the health, safety and general welfare of the surrounding locale.

ture, and that currently neither plans for construction of such wind tur-

bines or actual development of the property for such use has commenced.

Although appreciative of these concerns, the testimony and evidence presented by the Protestants was not convincing to rebut the information submitted on behalf of the Petitioners. It is again to be noted that the Petitioners do not propose constructing a new tower, but merely affixing the antennae on an existing structure. Today's society and technology fills the airwaves with radio, satellite, and wireless transmissions. The general consensus of the scientific community is that these transmissions do not adversely affect the health of the population. I am not persuaded by the Protestants' argument in this regard. Moreover, there is no viable evidence that existing electrical and radio systems will be adversely affected. Lastly, as noted above, Mr. K. Webster Bosley's proposed windmill business is speculative and the relief requested should not be denied based on a potential venture.

Wireless transmitting and receiving facilities are permitted in an R.C.5 zone by special exception. Moreover, the B.C.Z.R. encourage indus-

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tries in this field to utilize existing towers. The installation of antennae on existing buildings and towers minimizes the construction of unsightly monopoles throughout the skyscape of Baltimore County.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that the proposed wireless transmitting and receiving facility at the Belfast site will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the community. The evidence was overwhelming to support a finding that the inherent effects of the proposed facility are no greater at this location than if the facility was located elsewhere within " 3 zone. It is clear that the Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. and that the Petition for Special Exception should be granted. See Schultz v. Pritts, 291, Md. 1 (1971).

The Petition for Variance should also be granted. In this case, the Petitioner requests relief to allow side yard setbacks of as little as 27 feet, and a rear yard setback of 43 feet, all in lieu of the required 50 feet, which are necessitated by the location of the existing tower. As shown on the site plan, the tower maintains a 27-foot setback on the north side which abuts land used for agricultural purposes, while on the south side adjacent to the Loveton Farms community, a 44-foot setback is maintained. However, a greater distance is maintained from this community by virtue of a tract of local open space owned by the Crossfalls Homeowners Association which runs along the south and east sides of the subject property, and an adjacent 110-foot right-of-way on the south side for the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation. Thus, the relief requested should not pose any detriment to the surrounding locale. Again, the B.C.Z.R. expresses a preference for the installation of antennae on existing structures. Relocation of the tower elsewhere on the site is illogi-

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cal and impractical. Based on the testimony and evidence offered, I am persuaded that the Petitioners have satisfied the requirements of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. and that the relief requested should be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons set forth above, the special exception and variance relief should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore day of November, 1995 that the Petition for Special Exception to permit a wireless transmitting and receiving facility to be located on an existing lower on the subject property, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 3, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit side yard setbacks or 27 feet and 44 feet, and a rear yard setback of 43 feet, all in lieu of the required 50 feet each for the existing tower, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 3, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however. Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

> > Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112 Courthouse November 2, 1995 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Christine K. McSherry, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Presto 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenu Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE E/S York Road at Loveton Circle (Belfast Site) 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Baltimore County, Maryland - Owners, and American PCS, L.P. - Contract Lessee - Petitioners Case No. 96-37-XA

Dear Mr. Barhight & Ms. McSherry:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Exception and Variance have been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: Mr. Fred Homan, Director, Baltimore County Budget Office

Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esquire, American PCS, L.P. One Democracy Ctr., 6901 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, Md. 20817

Mr. Paul Hupfer, 831 Walters Lane, Sparks, Md. 21152 Mr. K. Webster Bosley, P.O. Box 585, Sparks, Md. 21152 Mr. Kenneth T. Bosley, Box 334, Cockeysville, Md. 21030 Mr. Kerry Bosley, Box 585, Sparks, Md. 21152

People's Counsel; Case File

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Petition for Special Exception

which is presently zoned R.C. 5

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at _____East side of York Road, Sparks, MD

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the

A wireless transmitting and receiving facility pursuant to section 1A04.2B 21

Contract lease negotiations are ongoing between Petitioner, American Personal Communications, and the legal Owner, Baltimore County. Baltimore County agrees to the submission of this petition. American Personal Communications understands that it may not obtain a lease for this site, and is proceeding with this petition at its own risk

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

	I/We do solemnly declars and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition
Contract Purchaser/Lesace:	Legal Owner(s):
Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esq. for American PCS, L.P. Type or Print Name) Signature Signature	Baltimore County Maryland (Type or Print Name) Signature
One Democracy Center, 6901 Rockledge Drive	Oreth 9 The Buy I
Bethesda, MD 20817 City State Zipcode	Signature
Attorney for Petitioner:	Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue 887-0 Address Phone
G. Scott Barhight, Esq. (Type or Print Name) G. Scott Bornon + Chms Signature	Towson, MD 21204 City State Z Hame, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser, representative to be contacted. G. Scott Barhight, Esq. c/o Whiteford, Tayl.or & P
c/o Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue 832-2000	Name 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue
Towson, MD 21204	OFFICE USE ONLY
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To be presented at hearing

be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. Whiteford, Taylor & Preston

Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at _East side of York Road, Sparks, MD which is presently zoned R.C. 5

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section (s) 1A04.3 b 3 To permit a sideyard setback of 27 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet and to permit a rear yard setback of 43 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet. Contract lease negotiations are ongoing between Petitioner, American Personal Communications, and the legal Owner, Baltimore County. Baltimore County agrees to the submission of this petition. American Personal Communications understands that it may not obtain a lease for this site, and is proceeding with this petition at

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons. (indicate hardship or

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to

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G. Scott Barhight, Esq. c/o Whiteford, Taylor & Preston

Project No. 94161.20 (L94161.20)

to Accompany Petition for Special Exception

Petition for Variance

1.16 Acre Parcel East Side of York Road

Eighth Election District, Baltimore County, Maryland DMW

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> THIS DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCE. June 7, 1995

point of the beginning; containing 1.16 acres of land, more or less.

Daft-MCune-Walker, Inc.

Touron, Maryland 21286

A Team of Land Planners.

Environmental Professionals



CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 96-37-X1

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The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County with hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Marytand 21204 or Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Wisshingtor Avenue, Towson, Marytand 21204 as follows: Case: #96-37-XA [Nem 35] NE/S York Flood: 410' N of Hearing: Wednesday, September 6, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. in Rm. 106,

low a side yard setback of 27 feet in lieu of the required 50

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Tewson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of_ weeks, the first publication appearing on Use 10, 1977.

THE JEFFERSONIAN.



887-3610

Baltimore County
Department of Permits and
Development Management Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

September 1, 1995

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Item No.: 35 Case No.: 96-37-XA Petitioner: American Personal Communications

Dear Mr. Barhight:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on July 26, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

Attachment(s)

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director August 16, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

J. Lawrence Pilson JLP / Mhs Development Coordinator, DEPRM

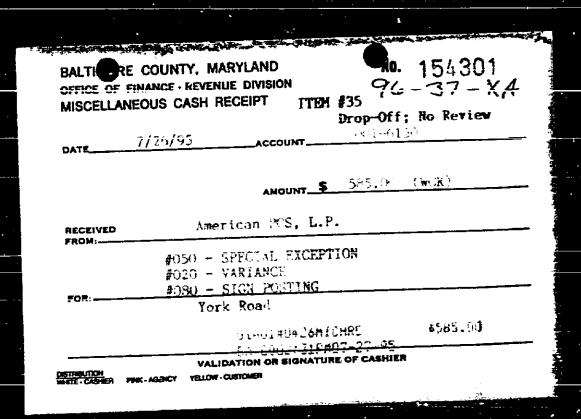
SUBJECT: Zoning Item #35 - American Personal Communications Belfast Site Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of August 7, 1995

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item. Air Quality

This site must comply with ANSI Standard C95.1-1982 at all times, including during reasonable roof access for maintenance personnel. Access to catwalk must be restricted by lock and key. Caution/warning signs should be placed in a prominent place close to the antennas and should advise maintenance people: a) not to stand close to the antennas and b) provide a phone number for antenna information.

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111 West Chesapeake Avenue

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public bearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Baltimore County Governs ... it Department of Permits and Licenses

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Evenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 96-37-XA (Item 35) NE/S York Road, 410' N of Loveton Parms Circle 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic Legal Owner: Baltimore County Maryland

Towson, MD 21204

HEARING: WEINESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building.

Special Exception for a wireless transmitting and receiving facility. Variance to allow a side yard setback of 27 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet and a rear yard setback of 43 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet.

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST HUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEARE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (2) HEARTHES ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCORDIOATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (3) FOR IMPORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.



David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

8-7-95

Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

W Ronald Burns, Chief **Engineering Access Permits**

My telephone number is ______ Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717 • Baltimore, MD 21203-0717 Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: August 8, 1995

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and

Development Management

Pat Keller, Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, and 54. 17

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

PK/JL

ITEM26/PZONE/ZAC1

The County has used the services of the following company:

Neubauer & Sohn Consulting Engineers, Inc. Potomac, MD 20854 (301) 299-7617

When the coverage analysis and inter-modulation studies have been completed, and the proposer has decided which tower(s) will meet their system requirements, the County's Electronic Services Division will furnish the tower manufacturer's structural data.

- and installs their own electrical and telephone service. The proposer will adhere to all applicable electrical and telephone installation codes.
- a building which meets and or exceeds all building codes.
- approved by the County, or uses the County's contractor.

The County's contractor is:

5263 Argo Drive (301) 874-5885

- The proposer repairs and/or replaces the existing site grounding system if said system is damaged in any way by the building or bonding process. The County will test its grounding system prior to and following construction. If so desired, this can be performed with the proposer's representative(s) in attendance.
- The proposer must install all equipment in compliance with the Hotorola fixed network equipment quality standards R-56, and any and all applicable electrical and building codes.

(410) 887-4500

DATE: 08/08/95

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOP-1105

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901

Towson, MD 21286-5500

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

LOCATION: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF AUGUST 07, 1995.

Item No.: SEE BELOW

Zoning Agenda:

Baltimore County Government

Fire Department

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:28,30,31,32,33,34,35,36, 37,38,39,41 AND 42.

AUG 11 1995

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

Virginia Barnhart & Arnold Jablon

Please understand that in citing the aforementioned requirements,

sumed that the Office of Law will otherwise be responsible for negotiation

Finally, the Department of Public Works should be contacted for

this office is not approving the consideration offered by APC. It is as-

information on special requirements related to the water tanks identified by

Leasing Tower Sites

August 9, 1995

FH:nav

c: Merreen E. Kelly

W. Michael Pitcher

cc: File

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have no comments.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon. Director DATE: August 14, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

Items 030, 031, 032, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037,

FROM: PRobert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief

Development Plans Review

041 and 042

for August 14, 1995

RWB:sw

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204



August 8, 1995

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor, and Preston 210 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Preliminary Petition Review (Item #35) Legal Owner: Baltimore County, Maryland E/Š York Road (Sparks)

8th Election District

Dear Mr. Barhight:

At the request of the attorney/petitioner, the above referenced petition was accepted for filing without a final filing review by the staff. The plan was accepted with the understanding that all zoning issues/filing requirements would be addressed. A subsequent review by the staff has revealed unaddressed zoning issues and/or incomplete information. The following comments are advisory and do not necessarily identify all details and inherent technical zoning requirements necessary for a complete application. As with all petitions/plans filed in this office, it is the final responsibility of the petitioner to make a proper application, address any zoning conflicts and, if necessary, to file revised petition materials. All revisions (including those required by the hearing officer) must be accompanied by a check made out to Baltimore County, Maryland for the \$100.00 revision fee.

The site plan and property description include all information for filing: however, the variance request (on petition and site plan) does not include the relief from Section 502.7.C. This includes, but is not limited to, the minimum 5 acre lot size and the minimum setback of two times the structure height. This must be addressed.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 887-3391.

Planner II Zoning Review

Enclosure (receipt) c: Zoning Commissioner

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Virginia W. Barnhart, County Attorney Office of Law Arnold Jablon, Director

Permits & Development Management Fred Homan Office of the Budget

August 9, 1995 SUBJECT: Leasing of Tower Sites

As you are aware, APC is interested in locating on the following four 800 MHz communications towers: Red Run, North Point, Spook Hill and Catonsville. While such an arrangement is acceptable at these sites, the 800 MHz Committee has established the following requirements for all interested proposers. For your information, an APC representative had been made aware of these requirements a little more than a year ago.

- A detailed RF inter-modulation study must be conducted by a reputable licensed Radio System Engineer or Engineering Company. This study must take into consideration all existing frequencies in use at the site, i.e., 800 MHz and 6 GHz microwave, and all future County frequencies to be used at the site. Additionally, any frequencies used by other leasing parties must be figured into the inter-modulation studies. The calculation must be performed to the seventh (7th) order.
- A tower structural analysis based on the existing hardware load and the proposed maximum hardware load. The analysis must be completed by a licensed structural engineering firm experienced in communications tower structural analysis. All current loads will be taken into consideration. This includes (per tower) six (6) Sinclair SRL-480's, two each tower top amplifiers and six (6) runs of 1 5/8" LDF transmission line, line hangers, antennae mounts, etc. One additional SRL-480, attendant transmission line and mounting hardware will be needed to add the County's 5-channel system to each site. At this time, all cable ladders are filled to capacity, therefore, the increased tower loading presented by the addition of ladder will require consideration in the loading calcula-

Virginia Barnhart & Arnold Jablon

Leasing Tower Sites August 9, 1995

7825 Tuckerman Lane

- As required, the proposer constructs their own equipment shelter
- The proposer secures all necessary building permits, and constructs
- The proposer employs a tower hardware installation company which is

Frederick, MD 21701

